

Questions & Answers
Public Forum March for Comprehensive Immigration Reform
May 1, 2007
- Updated April 30, 2007

Updates are Highlighted in Red
NEW START TIMES AND ROAD CLOSURE TIMES
Basic Facts about the March

Q: What is the march route?

Starting point Veterans Memorial Coliseum – from 17th Avenue, southeast on Grand Avenue, east on Van Buren, south on 3rd Avenue, west on Washington to the Capitol Mall; return route west on Adams, north on 19th Avenue

Q: What time is the march scheduled?

The current schedule is for the marchers to depart at 8:30am from Veterans Memorial Coliseum and end at the Capitol about 10:30/**11:15am**. **Speeches will be given until 12:45pm**. The Capitol Mall is expected to be clear by 3:00 to 4:00pm

Q: What if employees have safety concerns?

Employees should discuss their concerns with their supervisors. If possible, consider an alternative work schedule.

Q: Will the buses be running and where will I catch my bus?

The May 1 Immigration Reform March will cause some local buses traveling through the downtown Phoenix/State Capitol area to be rerouted from about **9:00** a.m. to 3 p.m. A list of those routes and their detours can be found at <http://phoenix.gov/publictransit/may1march.html>. Links to this page have been emailed to all agency Rideshare Coordinators and can also be found on ADOA's website and the Capitol Rideshare website.

It is expected that the march will be concluded before 3 p.m. Therefore, the RAPID and Express routes should not be affected. If street closures are not lifted by 2:30 p.m., RAPID and Express riders should check the above-mentioned link for updates. Riders can also check the electronic signs located at the RAPID stations for any updates.

Employees may also call **Valley Metro at 602-253-5000** for more information.

Q: If I miss my bus, can I use my Commuter Club Emergency Ride Home?

No, since this is a planned event, your emergency ride home taxi ride is not available.

Q: I'm a Dial-A-Ride user, will I be able to use Dial-A-Ride that day?

Our best suggestion is to talk with your Dial-A-Ride driver prior to Tuesday.

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Street Closures

Q: What Streets will be closed on the day of the event and at what times?

The following streets will be closed from **9:00am** to 3:00pm on the day of the event.

Streets running North/South

- 19th Ave. – Monroe to McDowell – **May close after the event**
- 18th Ave. – Monroe to Jefferson
- 17th Ave. – Monroe to Jefferson
- 15th Ave. – Monroe to Jefferson
- 13th Ave. – Adams to Washington
- 12th Ave. – Adams to Washington
- 10th Ave. – Adams to Washington

Streets running East and West:

- Monroe – 19th Ave. to 18th Ave. – **May close after the event**
- **Madison from 15th Ave to 16th Ave – at 6:30am**
- Washington/Adams – 1st Ave to 19th Ave.
- Washington -19th Ave to 18th Ave. – Will NOT be closed

Parking

Q: Will it be difficult for state employees to park?

Yes. We anticipate that some employees may not be able to get in and out of their regular parking lots. Please refer to street closure notices posted above.

Q: Where should state employees park?

Park in the State surface lot at 15th Avenue and Adams.

Maricopa County has reserved parking spots for state employees:

- The lot is approximately 3/4 of a mile from the Capitol; located at 8th Ave, between Jefferson & Madison. Enter & exit on 8th Ave, at the far side, which is the employee side of the parking lot.
- Show your state ID & the officer will let you in.
- The lot is open from 6am-6pm, **You must pick up your car by 6:00pm**
- If your agency projects that employees will park in the county lot, please notify GSD by noon Monday & ADOA will advise Maricopa County: e-mail ellis.jones@azdoa.gov or steve.bold@azdoa.gov OR call GSD Customer Support (help desk) at 542-4594 OR call Steve Bold 602-542-1677.

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Safety/Security

Q: Can the public use our agency restrooms?

The march organizers have provided “port-a-johns” located throughout the Capitol Mall. Participants in the march should be encouraged to use those facilities.

If you have problems, call GSD Customer Support (542-4594).

Q: Should agencies lock their doors?

The Capitol Police are encouraging agency directors to consider locking doors that face Wesley Bolin Plaza and keeping alternate doors open for public access.

If an agency director decides in advance to lock certain doors, please notify GSD by noon Friday:

- E-mail Timothy.Summers@azdoa.gov directions, OR
- Call GSD Customer Support (help desk) at 542-4594
- Keep alternate doors open for public access.
- Post a sign on closed doors directing the public to the alternate door(s).

Q: How should we lock our doors if an emergency erupts?

If possible the agency facility representative should be coordinating door closures, however, in an emergency situation, contact the Capitol Police - 542-4580

Emergency Issues

The Capitol Police, the Department of Public Safety, the City of Phoenix, and many other law enforcement agencies are staffing up for this event.

Emergency Issues for Capitol Police – 542-4580
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City of Phoenix

Calls that are not related to State of Arizona employees or administrative issues surrounding the demonstration march should be routed elsewhere.

City of Phoenix information line – 602-534-2222
